



# LaRC Space Act Awards Program

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## Inventions and Contributions Board Awards



NASA regulations (14 C.F.R. 1240) provide that inventors are eligible for monetary awards upon the recommendation of the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board (ICB).

Both NASA employees and employees of NASA contractors are eligible for these awards.



# Inventions and Contributions Board Awards



Patent Application Awards

NASA Tech Briefs

Software Release Awards

Board Action Awards



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## Patent Application Awards

### ***Amounts***

\$1000 for a single inventor  
\$500 for up to 10 inventors

### ***Event***

Upon documentation of the serial number for a Non-Provisional Patent Application, or issuance of a Divisional or Continuation In Part patent, the ALO requests an award for each inventor.

### ***Exception***

Provisional Patents, Continuation Patents, and Foreign Patents are not eligible for these awards.



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## NASA Tech Briefs

### *Amount*

\$350 per inventor (maximum: 14 inventors)

### *Event*

Upon documentation of approval of an article for publication in the **NASA Tech Briefs Magazine** by the sponsoring Center, the ALO notes the approval date in TechTracS and submits an award request for each inventor.



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## Software Release Awards

### *Amount*

\$1000 for a single inventor

\$500 for up to 10 inventors

### *Event*

Upon documentation of the initial non-developmental use of software in TechTracs, the ALO submits an award request for each inventor.



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## Board Action Awards

- Nominations must be a technology or software that has been disclosed and has an LAR-XXXXX tracking number ([www.Entre.nasa.gov](http://www.Entre.nasa.gov)).
- The technology must be NASA owned.
- Must have demonstrated value to the NASA aerospace mission.
- Awards up to \$100,000 per case can go to NASA employees, contract employees, or any technical contributor to the innovation...  
*i.e. ANYONE*



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## NASA Invention of the Year

The [NASA General Counsel](#) selects the NASA Invention of the Year Award, which is supported by the ICB with technical assistance, publicity, and monetary awards. Awards can be given in the Government and Commercial categories and each Center may submit up to two nominations. The call letter comes out every year in the fall.



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## NASA Software of the Year (SOY)

The ICB supports the [Office of the Chief Engineer](#), the [Office of the NASA Chief Information Officer](#), and the [Office of Safety and Mission Assurance](#) who co-sponsor the selection of the NASA Software of the Year Award. A special Software Advisory Panel reviews documentation and presentations for Center nominations and recommends winners to the ICB. The call letter comes out every year in the winter.



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## Patent Criteria

Criteria for an invention to be selected for patent prosecution: The invention must meet Patent and Trademark Office requirements for patentability.

The invention will be recommended for patenting based on meeting at least one for the following:

- The technology has significant market potential and a patent would provide protection for U. S. industry.
- The technology has significant potential for improving quality of life and patent protection or required for U.S. industry to invest in the technology to take it to market, or
- The innovation is of such a significant technical nature that a patent would provide NASA and the Center with such recognition and prestige as to result in significant future programs for the Agency of Center



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**Big rewards  
are possible!**

Disclose new inventions and software releases

Employees are encouraged to recommend or pursue awards after disclosure



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Update Your  
Information

-Privacy Act-

218

TO: Innovator  
FROM: 218/Awards Liaison Officer  
SUBJECT: Privacy Act Information Needed for NASA Case Number LAR-

This memorandum is to advise you of the need for the following Privacy Act Statement for all potential monetary award candidates. All inventors and contributors must be aware of this Privacy Act Statement when supplying their social security numbers and home addresses to us for submittal to the Inventions and Contributions Board. The statement is as follows:

*Certain personal information, including your social security number is being collected under the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Act, 42 U.S.C. 2454; the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a; the Tax Code, 26 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.; the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual; and the NASA Financial Management Manual sections 9300 and 9600. This information will be provided to the NASA Financial Management Division to process awards. It will also be forwarded by NASA to the U.S. Treasury for the issuance of the check. This information may be supplied by you on a voluntary basis; however, a monetary award cannot be made unless all of the requested information is included.*

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Please return this memorandum by mail to NASA Langley Research Center, Attn: Sebrenna Young, Mail Stop 218, 100 NASA Road, Hampton, VA 23681 or by to Fax 757-864-8314. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on 757-864-9474

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